

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute the following set of claims for the pending claims:

1. A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a receptacle for catching a biological specimen and a support bracket for the receptacle, wherein the support bracket comprises an aperture, wherein the receptacle comprises a boss that snugly fits, but is removably engageable from, said aperture, and wherein said support bracket is adapted to be supported by said support structure, and is adjustably disposed with respect to said support structure when supported by said support structure, and comprises ends that extend sufficiently beyond said support structure for convenient positioning of said support bracket and hence of said receptacle by an individual seated on said support structure.

a 2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support structure is a toilet bowl, and said support bracket ends are supported by said support structure, and the individual is seated on a seat supported by said support structure, and a gap between said seat and support structure provides for the support bracket adjustability.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said receptacle is an elongated receptacle, wherein said support bracket aperture is generally circular, and said receptacle boss is rotatable within said aperture.

12 4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a sterile cup, wherein said receptacle boss corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate size for receiving at least a lower portion of said cup.

5. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and is positioned when supported by said support structure, so that said receptacle is positioned

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vertically in space to capture the specimen but avoid body contact during specimen collection.

6. A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising an elongated receptacle for catching a biological specimen and a support bracket for the receptacle, wherein the support bracket comprises an aperture and is adapted to be supported by said support structure, and wherein the receptacle comprises a boss that snugly fits, but is rotatable within and removably engageable from, said aperture.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said receptacle boss corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate size for receiving at least a lower portion of a cup.

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8. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and is positioned when supported by said support structure, so that said receptacle is positioned vertically in space to capture the specimen but avoid body contact during specimen collection.

9. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said bracket comprises a U-shaped portion.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said U-shaped portion of said bracket comprises a pair of spaced apart legs that are spaced apart sufficiently to accommodate any position of said elongated receptacle relative to said bracket.

11. A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a receptacle for catching a biological specimen and a support bracket for the receptacle, wherein the support bracket comprises a generally circular aperture and is adapted to be supported by said support structure, wherein the receptacle comprises a generally frustoconically shaped boss that snugly fits, but is rotatable within and removably engageable from, said aperture, and wherein said receptacle boss corresponds to a generally

frustoconically shaped cavity in a bottom wall of said receptacle, of an appropriate diameter for receiving at least a lower portion of a cup.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said support bracket is adjustably disposed with respect to said support structure when supported by said support structure, and comprises ends that extend sufficiently beyond said support structure for convenient positioning of said support bracket and hence of said receptacle by an individual seated on said support structure.

A4 13. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said support bracket is non-planar and is positioned when supported by said support structure, so that said receptacle is positioned vertically in space to capture the specimen but avoid body contact during specimen collection.

14. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising said cup, wherein said cup is a sterile cup.

15. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said receptacle is elongated, and said bracket comprises a U-shaped portion, and said U-shaped portion comprises a pair of spaced apart legs that are spaced apart sufficiently to accommodate any position of said elongated receptacle relative to said bracket.

A5 16. (New) A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising a removably disposed receptacle for catching a biological specimen and a bracket for supporting the receptacle, wherein a portion of the receptacle projects through said support bracket and the receptacle is removable from the support bracket, and wherein said support bracket is adjustably disposed with respect to said support structure when supported by said support structure, and comprises ends that extend sufficiently beyond said support structure for convenient positioning of said support bracket and hence of the receptacle by an individual seated on said support structure.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said support structure is a toilet bowl, and said support bracket ends are supported by said support structure, and the individual is seated on a seat supported by said support structure, and a gap between the seat and said support structure provides for the support bracket adjustability.

18. (New) A biological specimen collection apparatus for use with a support structure, said apparatus comprising an elongated receptacle for catching a biological specimen, and a bracket for supporting the receptacle and adapted to be supported by said support structure, wherein the receptacle is rotatably mounted and a portion of the receptacle projects through, but is removably engageable from, said support bracket for removal of the receptacle from said support bracket, and wherein said support bracket is further adapted to accommodate any position of the elongated, rotatably mounted receptacle relative to said bracket.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the projecting portion of the receptacle corresponds to a generally cup-shaped cavity in a bottom wall of the receptacle, and is dimensioned to provide a snug fit of the receptacle to said support bracket.
